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சர்க்காருக்கு அனுப்பியுள்ள தீர்மானத்தில் என்ன கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்? அதன் பேரில் சர்க்கார் என்ன முடிவு செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு மொத்தமுள்ள ஸ்தானங்களில் 20 ஸ்தானங்கள் ஒதுக்கப்பட வேண்டுமென்று அந்தத் தீர்மானத்தில் கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஜனத் தொகைப்படியே பார்த்தாலும் அவ்வளவு ஸ்தானம் ஒதுக்கப்பட வேண்டியிருக்குமென்று சொல்வதற்கில்லை. இருந்தாலும் இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் தனித் தொகுதிகளைவிட அதிகத் தொகுதி அவர்களுக்கு ஒதுக்கப்படும் என்று சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன்."

9-10 a.m. SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :— " ஹரிஜனங்களிலே ஆண்களைவிட பெண்கள் மிக மிகக் கேவலமான ஸ்திதியில் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால், ஹரிஜனப் பெண்களுக்குச் சலுகைகள் கொடுத்து, சென்னை கார்ப்பரேஷனில் பிரத்தியேகமான ஸ்தானங்களை ஒதுக்குவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :— " பெண்களினுடைய நலன்களையும் ஆண்கள் பாதுகாக்க வேண்டிய பொறுப்பு இருப்பதனால் அந்த நம்பிக்கையின் பேரில் ஒன்றும் செய்வதற்கில்லை. "

Beedi factory workers.

* 1330 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) The present rate of wages paid to labourers in Malabar by the managements of beedi factories; and

(*b*) the minimum wages fixed by the Government for the manufacture of one thousand beedies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) It is reported that the beedi workers in Malabar district are generally paid Rs. 2 and Rs. 1-8-0 for rolling 1,000 big and small beedies respectively.

" (*b*) The original notification fixing the minimum rates of wages for employment in tobacco (including beedi making) manufactory has been quashed by the High Court. The question of fixing afresh minimum rates of wages for this industry is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government in fixing the final rate, take into consideration the present prevailing rate as well as the points raised in this House in connection with the delay in this matter some time ago? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I already answered a few days ago that the Government would take into account all the aspects of the question before taking a final decision in the matter."

Elementary Education Committee.

* 1331 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the terms of reference to the Elementary Education Committee;

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(*b*) when the Committee is expected to complete its enquiry and submit the report to the Government; and

(*c*) whether the members of the Committee are entitled to any honorarium?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to the Legislative Assembly question No. 606 (1581) (unstarred) answered on 10th February 1955."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Clause (*c*) of this question, viz., ' whether the members of the Committee are entitled to any honorarium ' had not been answered by the Hon. Minister when a similar question was put."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government Order appointing the Committee had also been placed on the Table of the House. It refers to all matters pertaining to the Committee."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Last time in answering a similar question the Hon. Minister for Finance said that the question of co-opting representatives of teachers into the Committee would be considered by the Committee itself. May I know from him whether some members have been co-opted by the Committee and when they tour certain districts and take evidence they are given honorarium and whether they will be invited for preparing the final report before it is sent? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think the question of honorarium arises in this matter. In the Government Order appointing this Committee, there is no provision for the payment of any honorarium at all at any stage. They are only eligible for Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance and nothing more than that."

Mannarghat-Chinnathadagam Road.

* 1332 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount out of the sum of Rs. 5,00,000 provided in the Budget Estimates for the year 1954–55 was allotted for forming a road from Mannarghat to Chinnathadagam;

(*b*) if so, whether the execution of the work has been taken up during the year; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI RAJA SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. Rs. 4,000 for investigation of the scheme.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The detailed estimate for the work has been prepared and the work will be taken up for execution after the Government of India approve the estimate."